(c) The steps taken by the Government of India to protect tigers and other wildlife are given in the Statement [Refer to the Statement appended to the Answer to USO 2948 Part (c)]

Coastal Regulation Zone

2952. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that delay in finalizing Coastal Regulation Zone is hampering the development of tourism in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the matter on Coastal Regulation Zone is going to be finalized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) No, Sir. For the purpose of promoting environmentally sustainable tourism, the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991 permits development of hotels and beach resorts in designated areas of Coastal Regulation Zone-III.

(c) Does not arise.

Clearance to deep water ports

2953. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the clearances required to establish deep water port;

(b) whether deep water port at Gangavaram in Andhra Pradesh has applied for clearance; and

(c) if so, what would be the time-frame to clear such environmental obligations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Establishment and modernization/expansion of major ports requires prior environmental clearance under Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 1994. Development of minor ports and activities relating to modernization and expansion of minor ports, attracts the provisions of Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991.